

March 2008 update

On February 29, the APHIS' New Pest Advisory Group (NPAG) issued the following official recommendations for *Phytophthora alni*, alder root rot:

- 1.) The NPAG recommends no change in the PPQ policy regarding *Phytophthora alni*, retain as reportable/actionable, and list *P. alni* as such in the Pest ID database. Action Leader: Joe Cavey, PPQ-NIS.
- 2.) The NPAG recommends that PPQ establish a list of *Phytophthora* of concern to the United States and require offshore testing for these species with negative results documented on a phytosanitary certificate prior to any susceptible host entering the United States. CPHST will develop this list in collaboration with Matt Royer (EDP), Bill Alley (PRI), and others. When the new Q37 regulation is finalized, hosts of *Phytophthora* of concern to the United States will be placed on the Not Allowed Pending Risk Assessment (NAPRA) list. Action Leader: Kim Schwartzburg, PPQ-CPHST.
- 3.) The NPAG recommends adding *Phytophthora alni* to a list of *Phytophthora* of concern to the United States. Action Leader: Kim Schwartzburg, PPQ-CPHST.
- 4.) The NPAG recommends incorporating *Phytophthora alni* into a New Pest Response Guideline that will address *Phytophthora* of concern to the United States. Action Leader: Russ Bulluck, PPQ-EDP.